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**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Michael David Warren, Jr.

Attached is a draft resolution in honor of Michael David Warren, Jr. for his service on the State Board of Education

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 6, 2002, honoring Michael David Warren, Jr.

## RESOLUTION

Michael David Warren, Jr.

WHEREAS, Michael David Warren, Jr. is a magna cum laude graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Honors History, and a cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School; and

WHEREAS, before entering private practice as an attorney, Michael David Warren, Jr. served as a judicial clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley; and

WHEREAS, Michael David Warren, Jr. began his career as a practicing attorney with the firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP, where he became a partner, providing legal counsel and advice to a variety of public and private business clients, concentrating mainly in mergers and acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the Administrative Assistant for School Code Reform to the State Board of Education from 1995 to 1997, Michael David Warren, Jr. played a major role in developing and drafting fundamental education reform proposals that were implemented into both state law and education policy, and he is the only known individual who worked for the Board before serving on it; and

WHEREAS, Michael David Warren, Jr. currently serves as Executive Director of the New Common School Foundation, a non-profit organization that creates urban school prototypes that enhance teaching and learning. In his capacity there, he also serves as the Foundation's Director of Strategic Planning, the Director of the Management Executive Committee, and the Director of the Board of Directors for Cornerstone Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Michael David Warren, Jr. was appointed by Governor John Engler to fill a vacancy on the State Board of Education left when Board Member Clark Durant resigned his position; and

WHEREAS, during his more than three years of service, Michael David Warren, Jr. has been a passionate voice of reason and thoughtfulness on the State Board of Education, serving as Secretary of the Board and its Executive Committee; and most notably, serving as chairman of the Board's Task Force on Embracing the Information Age. The Task Force's groundbreaking work toward integrating technology into the classroom will impact educational policy for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Michael David Warren, Jr. will step down from the State Board of Education as of January 1, 2003; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Michael David Warren, Jr. its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens his work has affected and impacted; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Michael David Warren, Jr. enjoys many rewarding experiences with his wife, Shannon Marie Richey, and their daughter, Leah Marie.